

and their alternates shall be representatives of handlers and are referred to as “handler” members of the committee. The three handler members and their alternates shall be selected from the production area at large. No handler organization shall be permitted to have more than one handler member on the committee. The number of grower and handler members and alternates on the committee, and the composition of the committee between growers and handlers may be changed as provided in § 928.31(o). The committee also may be increased by one public member and one alternate public member nominated by the committee and selected by the Secretary. The committee, with the approval of the Secretary, shall prescribe the qualifications of, and the nominating procedure for, the public member and alternate.

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§ 928.21 Term of office.

The term of office of each member and alternate member of the committee shall be for two years beginning July 1 and ending on the second succeeding June 30, or such other dates recommended by the committee and established by the Secretary. The consecutive terms of office of a member shall be limited to three 2-year terms. Members and alternate members shall serve in such capacity for the portion of the term of office for which they are selected and have qualified and until their respective successors are selected and have qualified.

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§ 928.22 Nomination.

(a) *Successor members.* (1) The committee shall hold or cause to be held, not later than 45 days before the beginning of the term of office of committee members, separate meetings of growers in each district and a meeting of handlers for the purpose of designating nominees for successor members and alternate members of the committee, which shall be publicized and open to all growers and handlers. At each grower meeting, a chairman and a secretary shall be selected by growers eligible to participate therein. The chairman shall announce at the meeting the number of

votes cast for each person nominated for member or alternate member and shall submit promptly to the committee a complete report concerning such meeting. The committee shall, in turn, promptly submit a copy of each such report to the Secretary. At each handler meeting, a chairman and a secretary may be selected by the handlers eligible to participate therein. If a chairman is elected he shall announce the number of votes cast for each person nominated for member or alternate member and shall submit promptly to the committee a report concerning such meeting. If a chairman is not elected some person shall be designated to file a report with the committee concerning such meeting. The committee shall, in turn, promptly submit a copy of each such report to the Secretary.

(2) Only growers, including duly authorized officers or employees of growers, who are present at such nomination meetings may participate in the nomination and election of nominees for grower members and their alternates. Each grower shall be entitled to cast only one vote for each nominee to be elected in the district in which he produces papayas. No grower shall participate in the election of nominees in more than one district in any one fiscal year. If a person is both a grower and a handler of papayas, such person may vote either as a grower or as a handler but not as both.

(3) Only handlers, including duly authorized officers or employees of handlers, who are present at such nomination meetings may participate in the nomination and election of nominees for handler members and their alternates. Each handler shall be entitled to cast only one vote, which vote shall be weighted by the volume of papayas handled by such handler during the then current fiscal year. If a person is both a grower and a handler of papayas, such person may vote either as a grower, or as a handler but not as both.

(b) In the event that nominees for all available positions are not provided by